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## REMARKS

### Introductory Comments:

Claims 1-27 were examined in the Office Action under reply and stand variously rejected under (1) 35 U.S.C. §102 (claims 1-5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14-25); and (2) 35 U.S.C. §103(a) (claims 1, 3 and 5-26). These rejections are respectfully traversed as discussed more fully below.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

### Overview of the Above Amendments:

Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended to recite the subject invention with greater particularity. These claims now recite that the polynucleotide is “isolated.” Additionally, claims 1 and 4 recite the E1E2 antigen “comprises an HCV E1 polypeptide and an HCV E2 polypeptide.” Applicants submit these amendments are appropriate as they place the application in condition for allowance and do not present subject matter that would require an additional search as the term “E1E2” antigen as used in the previous claims clearly encompassed antigens comprising both E1 and E2 polypeptides.

Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification at, e.g., pages 12-13, bridging paragraph; page 3, lines 1-5; and page 18, lines 1-3. The foregoing amendments are made without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications containing the unamended claims.

### Rejections Over the Art:

Claims 1-5, 10, 14, 15 and 17-25 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Ishi et al., *Hepatology* (1998) 28:1117-1120 (“Ishi”). The Office argues:

The composition comprising a polynucleotide encoding an HCV E1E2 antigen of claim 1 reads on HCV particles. The subjects had administered to them the virus as shown by the antibody responses. While it is unfortunate that accidents happen, the subjects did have a composition comprising a polynucleotide encoding HCV E1E2 administered to them. The specification

does not define 'administer' but in the paragraph spanning pages 14-15 discusses nucleic acid immunization. There is nothing in that section that specifically limits the term 'administer.'

Office Action, page 3. However, applicants respectfully disagree.

As previously explained, Ishi studied antibody responses to HCV structural proteins in patients already infected with HCV virus. HCV virus was not "administered" to patients, as required by the claims. Applicants disagree with the Office's interpretation of the term "administering." This term is clearly understood in the art to mean purposeful delivery, as opposed to passive or accidental infection through contact with individuals or with blood of individuals infected with HCV.

It is seminal that "[i]n construing claims, the analytical focus must begin and remain centered on the language of the claims themselves, for it is that language that the patentee chose to use to 'particularly point[] out and distinctly claim[] the subject matter which the patentee regards as his invention.'" *Interactive Gift Express, Inc. v. Compuserve, Inc.*, 59 USPQ2d 1401, 1407 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (citing 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph). Thus, claim terms are to be given their ordinary and customary meaning unless it is apparent from the patent and the prosecution history that the inventor used the term in a manner having a different meaning.

*Hoechst Celanese Corp. v. BP Chems. Ltd.*, 38 USPQ2d 1126, 1129 (Fed. Cir. 1996).

The ordinary and customary meaning of a claim term may be determined by reviewing a variety of sources. *Brookhill-Wilk 1, LLC v. Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*, No. 02-1145 (Fed. Cir. June 27, 2003). Some of these sources include the claims themselves, see, *Process Control Corp. v. HydReclaim Corp.*, 52 USPQ2d 1029, 1033 (Fed. Cir. 1999), as well as dictionaries, encyclopedias and treatises. *Texas Digital Systems Inc. v. Telegenix Inc.*, 64 USPQ2d 1812, 1818 (Fed. Cir. 2002). In fact, very recent case law upholds the concept that dictionaries are to be considered before consulting the specification and prosecution history in order to arrive at the ordinary meaning of a claim term. *Intellectual Property Development, Inc. v. UA-Columbia Cablevision or Westchester, Inc.*, No. 02-1248 (Fed. Cir. July 21, 2003).

Thus, in order to evidence that the term "administering" is well known to include an active, purposeful delivery, applicants are appending excerpts from two dictionaries -- Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary and The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English.

Meanings for the term “administer” found in Webster’s Dictionary include to dispense and to give remedially, as to give a dose of medicine. Definitions for the term “administer” in the Oxford Dictionary include to provide, apply. Thus, for this reason alone, the present claims distinguish over Ishi.

Nevertheless, solely in an effort to advance prosecution, applicants have amended claims 1, 4 and 5 to recite that the composition includes an “isolated” polynucleotide. Applicants’ specification explains that an isolated polynucleotide is a “nucleic acid molecule devoid, in whole or part, of sequences normally associated with it in nature; or a sequence, as it exists in nature, but having heterologous sequences in association therewith.” Thus, the fact that subjects were accidentally infected with HCV virus particles as described in Ishi does not anticipate the present method claims. Accordingly, this basis for rejection has been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Forns et al., *Vaccine* (1999) 17:1992-2002 (“Forns”). The Office argues “Forns discloses a polynucleotide that encodes a E2 protein with and without P7 that can be used for eliciting an immune response to HCV E2.” Office Action, page 4. The Office further asserts that the nucleic acid of Forns, i.e., the polynucleotide encoding a fragment of E2, reads on a polynucleotide encoding an E1E2 antigen based on the definition of antigen in applicants’ specification. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In particular, a review of the specification demonstrates that applicants clearly intended the term “E1E2 antigen” to mean an antigen with both E1 and E2 polypeptides, and not a fragment of E1E2 that completely lacks E1 and includes only a fragment of E2, as interpreted by the Office. For example, at page 18, lines 1-3 the specification explains that an E2 polypeptide can be combined with an E1 polypeptide to form an E1E2 polypeptide.

Nevertheless, in an effort to advance prosecution, the claims now recite that the E1E2 antigen “comprises an HCV E1 polypeptide and an HCV E2 polypeptide.” Forns clearly does not administer a polynucleotide encoding an E1E2 antigen comprising an HCV E1 polypeptide and an HCV E2 polypeptide, as claimed. Thus, Forns also does not anticipate the claims and this basis for rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Forns. The Office asserts for the reasons discussed above that Forns teaches a method of eliciting an immune response against the antigens recited by applicants. However, as previously explained, Forns immunized mice with one of three different plasmids as follows: (1) a plasmid containing the entire sequence of the E2 and p7 genes (pE2); (2) a plasmid encoding a truncated form of the E2 protein targeted to the cell surface (pE2surf); and (3) a control plasmid lacking an HCV insert (pDisplay). Forns did not deliver a polynucleotide encoding the full-length E2 gene without the p7 gene, as claimed herein. Nor did Forns administer a polynucleotide encoding an E1E2 antigen comprising and E1 polypeptide and an E2 polypeptide, also as claimed. Moreover, Forns does not teach or suggest administering a polynucleotide that is produced intracellularly and not secreted when expressed in cells of the subject, as claimed. To reiterate, Forns specifically targeted the HCV E2 protein to the cell surface.

Thus, there is no teaching or suggestion to use antigens as claimed by applicants in methods to elicit an immune response. Applicants submit, therefore, that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should also be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define a patentable invention.


Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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## adiabatic

**ide** /eid/ suffix forming nouns (*decade*) (cf. -AD-). [French -ade from Greek -as-ada]

**ide** /eid/ suffix forming nouns: 1 = -ADE (brocade). 2 a person concerned (*renegade*). [Spanish or Portuguese -ado, masc. form of -ada: see -ADE]

**denine** /'admin/ n. a purine derivative found in all living tissue as a component base of DNA or RNA. [German *Adenin* from Greek *adēn* 'gland': see -INE]

**denoids** /'admɔɪd/ n.pl. Med. a mass of enlarged lymphatic tissue between the back of the nose and the throat, often hindering speaking and breathing in the young. **adenoidal** /'nɔɪd(ə)/ adj. [Greek *adēn* 'gland' + -OID]

**denoma** /'adnəʊmə/ n. (pl. *adenomas* or *adenomata* /-mətə/) a glandlike benign tumour. [modern Latin from Greek *adēn* 'gland' + -OMA]

**denosine** /'denəʊsɪn/ n. a nucleoside of adenine and ribose present in all living tissue in combined form. [ADENINE + RIBOSE]

**denosine triphosphate** n. a nucleotide important in living cells, whose breakdown to the diphosphate provides energy for physiological processes (abbr. ATP).

**deft** adj. & n. **adj.** /'dept, ədept/ (foll. by *at*, *in*) thoroughly proficient. **n.** /'dept/ a skilled performer, an expert. **adeptly** adv. **adeptness** n. [Latin *adeptus*, past part. of *adipisci* 'attain']

**adequate** /'adɪkwət/ adj. 1 sufficient, satisfactory (often with the implication of being barely so). 2 (foll. by *to*) proportionate. 3 barely sufficient. **adequacy** n. **adequately** adv. [Latin *adequatus*, past part. of *adaequare* 'make equal' (as *AD-*, *aequus* 'equal')]

**deux** /a: dɜ:/ French a *deux* /adv. & adj. 1 for two. 2 between two. [French]

**ad fin.** /ad fɪn/ abbr. at or near the end. [Latin *ad finem*]

**adhere** /əd'hɪə/ v.intr. 1 (usu. foll. by *to*) (of a substance) stick fast to a surface, another substance, etc. 2 (foll. by *to*) behave according to; follow in detail (*adhered to our plan*). 3 (foll. by *to*) give support or allegiance to. [French *adhérer* or Latin *adhaerere* (as *AD-*, *haerere* 'stick')]

**adherent** /əd'hɪər(ə)nt/ n. & adj. **n.** 1 a supporter of a party, person, etc. 2 a devotee of an activity. **adj.** (foll. by *to*) faithfully observing a rule etc. 2 (often foll. by *to*) (of a substance) sticking fast. **adherence** n. [French *adhérent* (as *ADHERE*)]

**Usage** See Usage Note at *ADHESION*.

**adhesion** /əd'hɪ:ʒ(ə)n/ n. 1 the act or process of adhering. 2 the capacity of a substance to stick fast. **Med.** an abnormal union of surfaces due to inflammation or injury. 4 the maintenance of contact between the wheels of a vehicle and the road. 5 the giving of support or allegiance. [French *adhésion* from Latin *adhaesio* (as *ADHERE*)]

**Usage** Adhesion is more common in physical senses (e.g. *The glue has good adhesion*), with *adherence* used in abstract senses (e.g. *adherence to principles*).

**adhesive** /əd'hɪ:zɪv, -zɪv/ adj. & n. **adj.** sticking enabling surfaces or substances to adhere to one another. **n.** an adhesive substance, esp. one used to stick other substances together. **adhesively** adv. **adhesiveness** n. [French *adhésif* -ive (as *ADHERE*)]

**adhibit** /əd'hɪbɪt/ v.tr. (adhibited, adhibiting) 1 apply or administer (a remedy). **adhibitor** /əd'hɪbɪt(ə)r/ n. [Latin *adhibere* *adhibit*: (as *AD-*, *habere* 'have')]

**ad hoc** /ad 'hɒk/ adv. & adj. for a particular (usu. exclusive) purpose (*an ad hoc appointment*). [Latin *ad hoc* 'for this']

**ad hominem** /ad 'hɒmɪnəm/ adv. & adj. 1 relating to or associated with a particular person. 2 (of an argument) appealing to the emotions and not to reason. [Latin *ad hominem* 'to the person']

**adiabatic** /'eɪdɪə'batɪk, -adɪə/ adj. & n. **Physics** **adj.** impassable to heat. 2 occurring without heat entering or leaving the system. **n.** a curve or formula for adiabatic phenomena. **adiabatically** adv. [Greek *adiabatos* 'impassable' (as *AD-*, *diabainō* 'pass')]

## adieu

**adieu** /ə'dju: / int. & n. **int.** goodbye. **n.** (pl. *adieux* or *adieux* /ə'dju:z/) a goodbye. [Middle English from Old French, from *à* 'to' + *Dieu* 'God']

**ad infinitum** /ad mɪ'nɪtəm/ adv. without limit; for ever. [Latin, = to infinity]

**ad interim** /ad 'ɪntərɪm/ adv. & adj. for the meantime. [Latin]

**adios** /'adɪɔs/ int. goodbye: [Spanish *adiós*, from *a* 'to' + *Dios* 'God']

**adipocere** /adɪp(ə)'sɪə/ n. a greyish fatty or soapy substance generated in dead bodies, subjected to moisture. [French *adipocire*, from Latin *adeps* *adipis* 'fat' + French *cire* 'wax' from Latin *cera*]

**adipose** /'adɪpəs, -z/ adj. of or characterized by fat, esp. as stored in the body tissues; fatty. **adiposity** /'adɪpəʊsɪti/ n. [modern Latin *adiposus* from *adeps* *adipis* 'fat']

**aditus** /'adɪtʃ/ n. 1 a horizontal entrance or passage in a mine. 2 a means of approach. [Latin *aditus* (as *AD-*, *itus* 'from', 'go')]

**Adivasi** /'adɪvəsi/ n. (pl. *Adivasis*) a member of the aboriginal tribal peoples of India. [Hindi *ādivāsī* 'original inhabitant']

**Adj.** /'adʒ/ abbr. (preceding a name) Adjutant.

**adjacent** /ə'dʒeɪs(ə)nt/ adj. (often foll. by *to*) lying near or adjoining. **adjacency** n. [Middle English from Latin *adjacere* (as *AD-*, *jacere* 'lie')]

**adjective** /'adʒektɪv/ n. & adj. **n.** a word or phrase naming an attribute, added to or grammatically related to a noun to modify it or describe it. **adj.** additional; not standing by itself, dependent. **adjectival** /'adʒektɪv(ə)l/ adj. **adjectivally** /'adʒektɪv(ə)li/ adv. [Middle English from Old French *adjectif* -ive, ultimately from Latin *adjective* 'throw to, add, attribute' in the phrase *nomen adjectivus* 'attributive noun' (as *AD-*, *jacere* 'throw')]

**adjoin** /ə'dʒɔɪn/ v.tr. 1 be next to and joined with. 2 **archaic** 'join'. [Middle English via Old French *adjoindre* from Latin *adungere* *adjoinct*: (as *AD-*, *ungere* 'join')]

**adjourn** /ə'dʒɔ:rn/ v. 1 tr. a put off, postpone. b break off (a meeting, discussion, etc.) with the intention of resuming later. 2 intr. of persons at a meeting: a break off proceedings and disperse. b (foll. by *to*) transfer the meeting to another place. [Middle English from Old French *adjoindre* (as *AD-*, *jorn* 'day', ultimately from Latin *diurnus* 'of the day', *diurnus* 'day, journey')]

**adjournment** /ə'dʒɔ:nm(ə)nt/ n. adjourning or being adjourned.

**adjournment debate** n. Brit. a debate in the House of Commons on the motion that the House be adjourned, as an opportunity for raising various matters.

**adjudge** /ə'dʒʌdʒ/ v. 1 adjudicate (a matter). 2 (often foll. by *that* or *clause*) or *to* + inf. pronounce judgment. 3 (foll. by *to*) award judicially. 4 **archaic** 'adjudge'. [Middle English from Old French *ajuger* from Latin *ad iudicare* 'see *ADJUDICATE*']

**adjudge** /ə'dʒʌdʒ/ v. 1 intr. act as judge in a court of law, etc. 2 tr. a decide (a claim, etc.). b (foll. by *to* + inf.) pronounce (was adjudicated to be bankrupt).

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## administration

**oath**: **adjuration** /ədʒʊ'reɪ(ə)n/ n. **adjuratory** /-r(ə)ʃ(ə)rɪ/ adj. [Middle English from Latin *adjurare* (as *AD-*, *jurare* 'swear') in Late Latin sense 'put a person to an oath']

**adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/ v. 1 tr. a arrange; put in the correct order or position. b regulate, esp. by a small amount. 2 tr. (usu. foll. by *to*) make suitable. 3 tr. harmonize (discrepancies). 4 tr. assess (loss or damages). 5 intr. (usu. foll. by *to*) make oneself suited to; become familiar with (*adjust to one's surroundings*). **adjustable** adj. **adjustability** /-bɪlɪti/ n. **adjuster** n. **adjustment** n. [French *ajuster* from Old French *ajoster*, ultimately from Latin *juxta* 'near']

**adjutant** /'adʒʊt(ə)nt/ n. 1 a Mil. an officer who assists superior officers by communicating orders, conducting correspondence, etc. b an assistant. 2 (in full *adjutant bird*) a large black and white S. Asian stork of the genus *Leptoptilos*. **adjutancy** n. [Latin *adjutare*, frequentative of *adjuvare*: see *ADJUVANT*]

**Adjutant General** n. (pl. *Adjutant Generals*) a high-ranking army administrative officer.

**adjuvant** /'adʒʊv(ə)nt/ adj. & n. **adj.** 1 helpful, auxiliary. 2 **Med.** (of therapy) applied after initial treatment for cancer, esp. to suppress secondary tumour formation. **n.** 1 an adjuvant person or thing. 2 **Med.** a substance which enhances the body's immune response to an antigen. [French *adjuvant* or Latin *adjuvare* (as *AD-*, *juvare* 'help')]

**Adlerian** /'ædliəriən/ adj. of or relating to A. Adler, Austrian psychologist d. 1937, or his system of psychology.

**ad lib** /ad 'lɪb/ v. adj., adv. & n. **v.intr.** (ad libbed, ad libbing) speak or perform without formal preparation; improvise. **adj.** improvised. **adv.** as one pleases; to any desired extent. **n.** something spoken or played extempore. [abbreviation of *AD LIBITUM*]

**ad libitum** /ad 'lɪbɪtəm/ adv. = *AD LIB* adv. [Latin, = according to pleasure]

**ad litem** /ad 'lɪtəm/ adj. (of a guardian etc.) appointed for a lawsuit. [Latin]

**Adm.** abbr. (preceding a name) Admiral.

**adman** /'ædmən/ n. (pl. *admen*) colloq. a person who produces advertisements commercially.

**admass** /'ædməs/ n. esp. Brit. the section of the community that is regarded as readily influenced by advertising and mass communication.

**admeasure** /'ædmɛʒə/ v.tr. **archaic** apportion; assign in due shares. **admeasurement** n. [Middle English via Old French *amesurer* from medieval Latin *admensurare* (as *AD-*, *measure*)]

**admin** /'ædmɪn/ n. Brit. colloq. administration. [abbreviation]

**adminicle** /'ædmɪnɪk(ə)l/ n. 1 a thing that helps. 2 (in Scottish law) collateral evidence of the contents of a missing document. **adminicular** /'ædmɪnɪkjʊlə/ adj. [Latin *adminiculum* 'prop']

**administer** /əd'mɪnɪstə/ v. 1 tr. attend to the running of (business affairs etc.); manage. 2 tr. be responsible for the implementation of (the law, justice, punishment, etc.). b **Ecc.** give out, or perform the rites of (a sacrament). c (usu. foll. by *to*) direct the taking of (an oath). 3 tr. a provide, apply (a remedy). b give, deliver (a rebuke). 4 intr. act as administrator. **administrable** adj. [Middle English via Old French *amministrer* from Latin *administrare* (as *AD-*, *ministrare*)]

**administrate** /əd'mɪnɪstret/ v.tr. & intr. administer (esp. business affairs); act as an administrator. [Latin *administrare* (as *ADMINISTER*)]

**administration** /əd'mɪnɪ'streɪ(ə)n/ n. 1 a management of a business, institution, etc. b (prec. by *the*) **N. Amer.** the people responsible for this, regarded collectively. 2 the management of public affairs; government. 3 the government in power; the ministry. 4 **N. Amer.** the term of office of a political leader or government. 5 (Administration) (in the US) a government agency (the Food and Drug Administration). 6 **Law** the management

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 dicating or sentence b: a decree in bank-  
 -di-kā-, -tōr-ē-, -tōr-/ adj

adjunct \ˈaj-əŋkt/ n [L *adjunctum*, fr. neut. of *adjunctus*, pp. of *ad-*  
*jungere*] (1588) 1: something joined or added to another thing but  
 not essentially a part of it 2: a word or word group that qualifies or  
 completes the meaning of another word or other words and is not itself  
 a main structural element in its sentence 3: an associate or assistant

another — ad-junctive \ˈaj-ŋkt-iv-, -ə-/ adj

adjunct adj (1595) 1: added or joined as an accompanying object or  
 circumstance 2: attached in a subordinate or temporary capacity to a  
 staff (an ~ psychiatrist) — ad-junct-ly \ˈaj-ŋkt-lē-, -ŋkt-ē-/ adv

adjunction \ˈaj-ŋkt-ən/ n (1618) the act or process of adjoining

adjuration \ˈaj-ə-rā-shən/ n (1611) 1: a solemn oath 2: an earnest  
 urging or advising — ad-jur-a-tory \ˈaj-ə-rā-tōr-ē-, -tōr-/ adj

adjure \ˈaj-ju(ə)r/ vt ad-jured; ad-jur-ing [ME *adjuren*, fr. MF & L; MF  
*ajurer*, fr. L *adjurare*, fr. *ad-* + *jurare* to swear — more at JURY] (14c)

1: to command solemnly under or as if under oath or penalty of a  
 curse 2: to urge or advise earnestly *syn* see BEG

ad-just \ˈaj-just/ vb [ME *ajusten*, fr. MF *ajuster* to gauge, adjust, fr. a- (fr.  
 L *ad-*) + *juste* right, exact — more at JUST] vt (14c) 1 a: to bring to  
 a more satisfactory state: (1) SETTLE, RESOLVE (2) RECTIFY b: to

make correspondent or conformable: ADAPT c: to bring the parts of  
 to a true, or more effective relative position (~ a carburetor) 2: to  
 reduce to a system: REGULATE 3: to determine the amount to be paid

under an insurance policy in settlement of (a loss) ~ vi 1: to adapt  
 or conform oneself (as to climate, food, or new working hours) 2: to  
 achieve mental and behavioral balance between one's own needs and  
 the demands of others *syn* see ADAPT — ad-just-abil-ty \ˈaj-just-ə-bil-  
 -tē-/ n — ad-just-able \ˈaj-just-ə-bəl/ adj — ad-justive \ˈaj-just-iv/ adj

ad-just-ed adj (1674) 1: accommodated to suit a particular set of cir-  
 cumstances or requirements 2: having achieved a harmonious rela-  
 tionship with the environment or with other individuals (a well-

adjusted schoolchild)

ad-just-er also ad-just-or \ˈaj-just-ər/ n (1673): one that adjusts; esp. an  
 insurance agent who investigates personal or property damage and  
 makes estimates for effecting settlements

ad-just-ment \ˈaj-just-ə-mənt/ n (1644) 1: the act or process of adjust-  
 ing 2: a settlement of a claim or debt in a case in which the amount  
 involved is uncertain or in which full payment is not made 3: the  
 state of being adjusted 4: a means (as a mechanism) by which things

are adjusted one to another 5: a correction or modification to reflect  
 actual conditions — ad-just-men-tal \ˈaj-just-ə-mənt-əl-, -aj-əs-ə(t)-/ adj

ad-ju-tant \ˈaj-ju-tənt/ n (1775) the office or rank of an adjutant

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ad-min-is-tra-tive \əd-ˈmɪn-ə-strə-tiv-, -strət-/ adj (1731): of or relating  
 to administration or an administration: EXECUTIVE — ad-min-is-tra-  
 tive-ly/ adv

administrative county n (1949): a British local administrative unit  
 often not coincident with an older county

administrative law n (ca. 1892): law dealing with the establishment,  
 duties, and powers of and available remedies against authorized agencies  
 in the executive branch of the government

ad-min-is-tra-tor \əd-ˈmɪn-ə-strə-tər-, -strā-, -tō(ə)r/ n (15c) 1: a person  
 legally vested with the right of administration of an estate 2 a: one  
 that administers esp. business, school, or governmental affairs b: a  
 priest appointed to administer a diocese or parish temporarily

ad-min-is-tra-trix \ˌmɪn-ə-strā-triks/ n, pl -tra-tri-ces \ˈstrā-trə-sēz/  
 [NL] (1626): a woman administrator esp. of an estate

ad-mi-ra-ble \ˈad-m(ə)-rə-bəl/ adj (15c) 1: deserving the highest es-  
 teem: EXCELLENT 2 obs: exciting wonder: SURPRISING — ad-mi-ra-  
 bil-ity \ˈad-m(ə)-rə-bil-ə-tē/ n — ad-mi-ra-ble-ness \ˈad-m(ə)-rə-bəl-  
 -nəs/ n — ad-mi-ra-bly \-b(ə)-lē/ adv

ad-mi-ral \ˈad-m(ə)-rəl/ n [ME, fr. MF *amiral* admiral & ML *admiralis*  
*emir*, *admirallus* admiral, fr. Ar *amir-al* commander of the (as in *amir-  
 al-bahr* commander of the sea)] (15c) 1 *archaic*: the commander in  
 chief of a navy 2 a: FLAG OFFICER b: a commissioned officer in the  
 navy or coast guard who ranks above a vice admiral and whose insignia  
 is four stars — compare GENERAL 3 *archaic*: FLAGSHIP 4: any of  
 several brightly colored butterflies (family Nymphalidae)

admiral of the fleet (1660): the highest-ranking officer of the British  
 navy

ad-mi-ral-ty \ˈad-m(ə)-rəl-tē/ n (15c) 1 *cap*: the executive department  
 or officers formerly having administrative authority over British naval affairs  
 2: the court having jurisdiction of maritime questions; also: the sys-  
 tem of law administered by admiralty courts

Admiralty mile n (ca. 1903): NAUTICAL MILE a

ad-mi-ra-tion \ˈad-mə-rā-shən/ n (15c) 1 *archaic*: WONDER 2: an  
 object of esteem 3 a: a feeling of delighted or astonished approbation  
 b: the act or process of regarding with admiration

ad-mi-re \ˈad-mi(ə)r/ vt ad-mired; ad-mir-ing [MF *admirer*, fr. L *ad-*  
*mirari*, fr. *ad-* + *mirari* to wonder — more at SMILE] (1590) 1 *archaic*  
 : to marvel at 2: to regard with admiration 3: to think highly of  
 often in a somewhat impersonal manner (~ a man's capacity for work)

*syn* see REGARD — ad-mir-er n — ad-mir-ing-ly \ˈmɪ-rɪŋ-lē/ adv

ad-mis-si-ble \ˈad-mis-ə-b(ə)l, -əd/ adj [F, fr. ML *admissibilis*, fr. L *admis-*  
*sus*, pp. of *admittere*] (1611) 1: capable of being allowed or conceded  
 : PERMISSIBLE (behavior that was hardly ~) 2: capable or worthy of  
 being admitted (foreign products ~ to a domestic market) — ad-mis-si-  
 bil-ity \ˈmɪs-ə-bil-ə-tē/ n

ad-mis-sion \ˈad-mish-ən, -ən/ n (15c) 1 a: the act or process of ad-  
 mitting b: the state or privilege of being admitted c: a fee paid at  
 or for admission 2 a: the granting of an argument or position not  
 fully proved b: acknowledgment that a fact or statement is true *syn* see

ADMITTANCE — ad-mis-sive \ˈmɪ-siv/ adj

ad-mit \ˈad-mit, -əd/ vb ad-mit-ting; ad-mit-ting [ME *admiten*, fr. L *ad-*  
*mittere*, fr. *ad-* + *mittere* to send] vt (15c) 1 a: to allow someone  
 to: PERMIT b: to concede as true or valid (compelled to ~ his failure)  
 2: to allow entry (as to a place, fellowship, or privilege) (each ticket  
 ~s two persons) (admitted to the university) ~ vi 1: to give en-  
 trance or access 2 a: ALLOW, PERMIT (this order ~s of two interpre-  
 tations) b: to make acknowledgment — used with to *syn* see AC-

KNOWLEDGE — ad-mit-ting-ly \ˈmɪt-əd-lē/ adv

ad-mit-tance \ˈad-mit-əns, -ən/ n (1593) 1: permission to enter a  
 place: ENTRANCE 2: the reciprocal of the impedance of a circuit  
*syn* ADMITTANCE, ADMISSION mean permitted entrance, ADMITTANCE is  
 usu. applied to mere physical entrance to a locality or a building;  
 ADMISSION applies to entrance or formal acceptance (as into a club)  
 that carries with it rights, privileges, standing, or membership

ad-mix \ˈad-miks/ vt [back-formation fr. obs. *admixt* mingled (with), fr.  
 ME, fr. L *admixtus*] (15c): MINGLE, BLEND

ad-mix-ture \ˈad-miks-ʃər/ n [L *admixtus*, pp. of *admiscere* to mix  
 with, fr. *ad-* + *miscere* to mix — more at MIX] (1605) 1 a: the act of  
 mixing b: the fact of being mixed 2 a: something added by mix-  
 ing b: a product of mixing: MIXTURE

ad-mon-ish \ˈad-mən-ish/ vt [ME *admonesten*, fr. MF *admonester*, fr.  
 (assumed) VL *admonestare*, alter. of L *admonere* to warn, fr. *ad-* +  
*monere* to warn — more at MENTAL] (14c) 1 a: to indicate duties or  
 obligations to b: to express warning or disapproval to esp. in a gen-  
 tle, earnest, or solicitous manner 2: to give friendly earnest advice or  
 encouragement to: *syn* see REPROVE — ad-mon-ish-er n — ad-mon-ish-  
 ing-ly \-ish-ɪŋ-lē/ adv — ad-mon-ish-ment \-mənt/ n

ad-mo-ni-tion \ˈad-mə-nish-ən/ n [ME *amonicioun*, fr. MF *amonition*, fr.  
 L *admonition*, *admonitio*, fr. *admonitus*, pp. of *admonere*] (14c) 1  
 : gentle or friendly reproof 2: counsel or warning against fault or  
 oversight

ad-mon-i-to-ry \ˈad-mən-ə-tōr-ē-, -tōr-/ adj (1594): expressing admoni-  
 tion: WARNING — ad-mon-i-to-ry-ly \-mən-ə-tōr-ə-lē-, -tōr-/ adv

ad-na-te \ˈad-nāt/ adj [L *adgnatus*, pp. of *adgnasci* to grow on, fr. *ad-* +  
*nasci* to be born — more at NATION] (1661): grown to a usu: unlike  
 part esp. along a margin (a calyx ~ to the ovary) — ad-na-tion \ˈad-nā-  
 shən/ n

ad nau-se-am \ˈad-nō-zē-əm also -am/ adv [L] (1647): to a sickening  
 degree

ad-nexa \ˈad-nek-sə/ n pl [NL, fr. L *annexa*, neut. pl. of *annexus*, pp. of  
*annectere* to bind to — more at ANNEX] (1899): conjoined, subordi-  
 nate, or associated anatomic parts; specif: the temporary structures  
 and esp. the embryonic membranes of the embryo — ad-nex-al \-səl/ adj

ado \ˈə-dü/ n [ME, fr. at do, fr. at + don, do to do] (14c) 1: fussy  
 bustling excitement: TO-DO 2: time-wasting bother over trivial de-  
 tails (wrote the paper without further ~) 3: TROUBLE, DIFFICULTY

\ə/ about \ə/ kitten, F table \ər/ further \ə/ ash \ə/ ace \ə/ cot, cart  
 \ə/ out \ə/ chin \ə/ bet \ə/ easy \ə/ go \ə/ hit \ə/ ice \ə/ job  
 \ə/ sing \ə/ go \ə/ law \ə/ boy \ə/ thin \ə/ the \ə/ loot \ə/ foot  
 \ə/ yet \ə/ vision \ə, k, p, æ, u, ē, see Guide to Pronunciation